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HONG KONG--A MAN ACCUSED OF BEING AN AMERICAN SPY WAS PUBLICLY EXECUTED BEFORE 10,000 CHEERING RED CHINESE, RADIO PEKING REPORTED TODAY. FOUR OTHER ALLEGED U.S. SPIES WERE SENTENCED TO LONG PRISON TERMS--THREE OF THEM FOR LIFE.

THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF PUBLIC EXECUTIONS, SOME OF THEM TELEVISED, CAME AS PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI SAID THE MAIN OPPOSITION TO COMMUNIST PARTY CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG "HAS CRUMBLING" AND THE SITUATION IN CHINA "HAS NEVER BEEN SO GOOD AS IT IS TODAY."

CHOU SAID THAT SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT LIU SHAO-CHI IS DWINDLING AND THAT THE RED ARMY IS SOLIDLY BEHIND MAO.

THE LATEST EXECUTION, THE 10TH ANNOUNCED IN LESS THAN A MONTH, TOOK PLACE IN PEKING, THE BROADCAST SAID. THE MAN WAS IDENTIFIED AS LI FANG-CHEN.

THE THREE MEN SENTENCED TO LIFE AS AMERICAN SPIES WERE IDENTIFIED AS LIN YU-FENG, LI CHIA-YIN AND PAI YUNG-SHIH. A FOURTH ACCUSED SPY, FU ISAI-TI, WAS SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON.

AT LEAST 12 OTHER MEN, ACCUSED OF COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY CRIMES, WERE GIVEN LONG PRISON TERMS, THE BROADCAST SAID.

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